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## RESTRICTION/ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2006, requesting a restriction and/or election, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, including claims 1-8 and 10-13 without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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